PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Docket No.: ABB1207P1040US Serial No.: 09/052,855 Filing Date: March 31, 1998 Group Art Unit: 1642 Examiner: Karen Canella Spplicant(s): P.A. Billing-Medel, et al. Reagents and Methods Useful for Detecting Diseases of the Gastrointestinal Tract vention: Commissioner For Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 23, 2003 in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached Response timely.

Extension Fee For Response Within:		First Month		Second Month		Third Month		Fourth Month		
Lai	ge Entity:		\$110.00	⊠	\$420.00		\$950.00		\$1,480.00	
Sm	all Entity:		\$55.00		\$210.00		\$475.00		\$740.00	
A check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.  Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.										
		Respectfully submitted,								

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this document and fee is being deposited with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on October 20, 2003